

## **Meeting Summary**

### **Range-wide Bonneville Cutthroat Trout Conservation Team**

### **November 4, 2004**

Attached is a copy of the meeting agenda, the attendance list and handouts from the meeting.

The Team spent a fair amount of time discussing the GIS Database. Items discussed included future data updating, review of the existing database and changes in the GMU boundaries.

The team agreed that it was important to update the database on an annual basis. We agreed that spring was probably the best time to add new information. Spring updating would allow biologists time to work up their data through the winter. We will schedule times associated with the annual spring meeting to input new data and make any editing changes to previous data. It is important that we keep new versions of the database separate from previous versions so we can follow changes in the status of Bonneville cutthroat trout.

The team felt comfortable with the database, as it existed after the three workshops. Any adjustments can be made with the annual updates.

The original GMU's were set up based on administrative boundaries and not around water shed (HUC) boundaries. Since the new database is based on HUC boundaries it was going to be really difficult to tease out data in HUC's that were divided along administrative boundaries. We reviewed options of adjusting the GMU boundaries to correspond to HUC boundaries and reached agreement on new boundaries. Attached is a map showing the new GMU boundary lines. None of the previous GMU's were changed very much with the adjustments.

The team also discussed next springs meeting and whether we should hold a joint meeting similar to what we did in the spring of 2004 (combining with the CRCT Conservation Team and focusing a workshop on a topic of mutual interest). The team agreed that we should hold a similar meeting next spring. We agreed that with new habitat criteria being proposed for the Utah BVCT Conservation Agreement that we needed further discussion of those criteria and/or best management practices as well as presentations on how to recognize those standards and how to implement them on the ground. Dan Duffield agreed to take the lead on putting that meeting together. We will meet on March 2, 2005.

Dr. Michael Young addressed the group about a research project that he and some associates are working on to evaluate impacts of non-native salmonids on cutthroat trout populations. Mike asked members of the team who might have specific types of data to share data with his group. Biologists with the appropriate data sets were asked to contact Mike if they were willing to share that information.

The rest of the meeting was spent hearing presentations about last year's conservation efforts for Bonneville cutthroat trout (see the handouts attached).